Drug Status Report

Drug: Cannabidiolic acid

Drug Name Status: Cannabidiolic acid is the common name

Chemical Name: 3-p-Mentha-1,8-dien-3-yl-6-pentyl-beta-resorcylic acid

Chemical structure:

Molecular Formula: C₂₂H₃₀O₄

Pharmacological class / Application: cannabinoid

International status:

US: The substance is not listed on the US Controlled Substances Act and is not mentioned on the DEA website. However, the tetrahydrocannabinols are listed on Schedule I to the CSA. The analogue provision of the CSA, "controlled substance analogue means a substance(I) the chemical structure of which is substantially similar to the chemical structure of a controlled substance in schedule I or II" therefore applies. The DEA would have to confirm the status of this substance under the CSA.

United Nations: The substance is not listed specifically on the Yellow List - List of Narcotic Drugs under International Control nor the Green List - List of Psychotropic Substances under International Control.

Canadian Status: Item 1 of Schedule II to the CDSA is: "Cannabis, its preparations, derivatives and similar synthetic preparations". As cannabidiolic acid is a naturally occurring cannabinoid, it is included in item 1.

Recommendation: Cannabidiolic acid is included in item 1 of Schedule II to the CDSA and is a controlled substance.

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